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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Tina Fox, and I am a high school math teacher. I've been wanting to go solar since I first learned about it in my 7th grade social studies class, and I was really excited to finally be able go partially solar in January. Looking at what is going on with California's power grid, and at what happened in Texas not too long ago, it is obvious that more of us should strive to become energy independent. The system we were able to afford should generate about 75% of the energy that we use and I think the net-metering plan that we are currently on is fair.

I am concerned that with the changes that Dominion is proposing, fewer people will choose to harness the energy of the sun. We paid ~\$30,000 for a system that doesn't power our whole home. They did NOT pay for the panels or the inverters, WE did. As a teacher, I couldn't afford the extra \$15k for a battery backup that would allow us to store the excess energy we produce, so we are putting it back out on the grid for an even exchange.

With the NEW plan that Dominion is proposing, they want to charge us MORE for the power we get from them ( ~\$0.167 to ~\$0.184/kWh depending on the time of year) and credit us LESS for the power that we put on the grid ( ~\$0.0362 to ~\$0.0378/kWh) that they will go on to sell to their current customers at about a \$0.10 profit per KWH (if current non-solar rates stay the same).

The wording of their statement is misleading - they claim that they want to "reduce costs imposed upon all customers who do not utilize solar while allowing rooftop solar customers to produce solar without penalty." Allowing US to produce power for them while charging us ~5 times the amount when we "buy back" our own power is NOT what I would call without penalty. It would be different if Dominion paid for and owned the solar panels, but they do not.

Please do not let Dominion penalize those of us who chose to go solar, and discourage folks who have not yet made up their mind or gotten to a place in life where they could afford to.

Sincerely,  
 Tina K. Fox

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